

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner had rejected all of the claims which are presently in the application based upon a combination of U.S. Patent 6,325,717 to Kawagoe et al., in view of U.S. 6,377,264 to Iizuka et al., under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In connection with each of the independent claims, the claims have been amended to point out the clear distinction between the operation of Iizuka and the present invention.

In Iizuka, he discloses that a position of a character within a particular area is determined using specific parameters based upon a predefined direction in the specific area. This is explained in lines 3-9 of column 10 of Iizuka. In calculating that position, the operation instruction from the user is disregarded in order to determine the characters position because the direction of the character in the specified area is predetermined.

Iizuka actually enjoys a particular benefit as a result of this independent calculation as described in lines 29-36 of column 10.

Contrary to Iizuka, in the present application, in calculating the position in a particular area, it requires both a direction of motion based upon the operation instruction input by a user as well as the motion direction within the area. Iizuka does not make use of the character direction from the user's instruction when it is calculating the particular position in an area.

All of the claims have been amended to bring out this distinction.

In view of this clear distinction and operation it is believed that the present claims are patentable over the combination as cited by the Examiner.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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